

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0021 with the following revised version:

**[0021]** Shown in Figure 1 is a device 1 according to the invention for the transport especially of metallic work pieces. The device 1 comprises on the one hand a heat-insulated and vacuum-tight transport chamber 2 for heated transport, and on the other hand a transport device 3 for cold transports. The transport chamber 2 is borne by a carriage 5, and the transport device 3 is borne by a carriage 4. In a jointed charge point 6, the two carriages 4 and 5 are coupled together forming a common carriage unit. The jointed charge point balances the lack of balance in the rails, ensuring in any case that the rollers 7 bearing the carriages 4 and 5 are always in contact with the rails 8.